

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR



**Happy New Year**



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[Annual Convention \(ialoh.org\)](http://www.ialoh.org/Annual%20Convention)



Florida Beaches

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## Now Hear This From The Commander

Hello LOH Nobles

My Lady Jan and I want to thank everyone for this year in your hospitality and welcomeness to every event that we attended.

If you did not attend the Arlington Wreath Laying Pilgrimage this year, you missed a great event. A special thank you to Charles McIntosh, Wayne & Vickie Steel & Crystal for all their efforts to make it a successful event. Also, thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs for setting up one of the tomb guards to speak at the luncheon. All the IALOH Officers and ladies made this a fantastic event. We sent out a survey to all those who attended. We had a great response from the survey and on the things that we need to work on for next year.

After the first of the year, there are many events coming up before the IALOH Convention in April. The events that I have been informed of, so far, are India Change of Command, Abou Ben Adhem, Shrine Bowl, WSA, PNSA, Ismailia, & SESA. Please make these events, if possible, I will be attending some of these events but cannot make them all due to conflicting dates. Make sure that you let the IALOH Adjutant, David Smith, know so that these events can be posted on the IALOH.org web site and added to the IALOH newsletter.



David Ginapp, PC



This year your IALOH officers have made (and are making) changes to the way we do things while keeping to the tradition of the International Assoc. Legions of Honor. We have reinstated two units with more temples showing interest in either starting a unit or reinstating a unit that has gone dark. Changes in the IALOH newsletter, Communication on the website, IALOH financials tracking, Drill Team, Member Surveys (we want to know what you think), and different fund raising to keep costs down for those who want to attend events. There are also changes to the drill competition, found on the IALOH.org website, which allows smaller units to participate. With the changes to the drill competition, this should allow for those temples with smaller units to still participate.

April and the IALOH Convention in Indian Rocks Beach will soon be here. I have received a few registrations already, thank you. If you are flying, try to fly into the St. Pete airport. The St. Pete airport is closer to Indian Rocks Beach than flying into Tampa International. The current agenda for the convention is on the IALOH.org website. I still have not received any request for the Inline or drill competitions. Do not forget about the travel trophy, wouldn't it be nice for your temple to take this home with you? We are planning a fun event for you and your family, please send in your registrations, and book the hotel, as soon as possible so that I can inform the hotel. (FYI, the earlier we have confirmation of those who would like to deep sea fish, and golf, etc. will help secure these events).

As my lady Jan and I prepare to be with our family and friends for Christmas and New Year's, makes us even more thankful for all the wonderful people that we have met over the past few years, and the bonds formed which we cherish.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and Happy New Years.

Thank you for your support and remember – "Pride Runs Deep" in all of us.

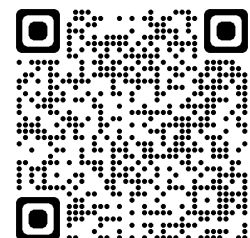
Hope to see you soon,  
David Ginapp  
IALOH Commander 2022-2023

## Bylaw Changes

Five Bylaw changes have been submitted for review and approval at the IALOH Convention in April 2023. The Bylaws can be reviewed by clicking the link or scanning the QR code. The Bylaws changes are the following:

1. Deleting the Associate member
2. Changing the Officers Duties
3. Allowing the Adjutant to make changes to the Bylaws
4. Clarifying the word "Shall" or "Will"
5. Deleting the requirement of the Unit in good standing for the DSA

[Bylaws \(ialoh.org\)](https://ialoh.org/Bylaws)





## 1st Lieutenant Commander

**GRAY AREAS:** It's been over a month since the annual wreath laying at Arlington, and it appears it was a success. This year's event was attended by 96 nobles, ladies and guests with 13 folks attending the event for the first time. The weather was perfect, a warm Fall Day with bright sunshine. The luncheon was the highlight of the event as we had two Tomb Sentinel's better known as Tomb Guards from the U.S. Army, 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment – "Old Guard" as guest speakers. We continue to strive to make the event even more exciting and enjoyable. 2023's event will be held at a new venue, The Crowne Plaza, Crystal City, VA. I think you're really going to enjoy this new hotel. It's more quaint and inviting than our previous accommodation. Keep an eye on the IALOH website for updates and information concerning next year's event.

**DUES AND DON'Ts:** There has been some discussion lately about "what do I get from the IALOH for my \$2?" Here is an article from **October 2016** by **Past Commander Eddie Daffern** on that very subject:

1. The Insignia or Medallion was registered with the U. S. Patent Office and received the Patent on August 19, 1978. This was to protect the emblem and to make it available to all member units as a "recognizable emblem" for all LOH units in the USA, and now internationally. This protection assures all LOH units that the manufacturers of the emblem have been vetted and that the production is in accordance with the correct dimensions and colors. These manufacturers pay an annual fee to IALOH. This includes embroidery if it is to be done on a large scale and made to sell. This is under the control of the Finance Officer, Pete Phillips.

2. For 34 years, IALOH has provided for all LOH units and guests to attend the Arlington Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Necrology Service is held Saturday morning before we go to the Cemetery. Usually, a combined Color Guard from the Washington, D. C. area and members of the Army's Fife and Drum Corps participate. The price

has always been kept to a minimum, so it is affordable to everyone. It is a great way to meet new people and to meet old friends during the three-day event.

3. IALOH also provides a yearly National Convention. It is held in different cities each year and is another opportunity to visit with old friends and to make new friends. At this convention, it is an opportunity for your team to compete and take home another trophy.

4. IALOH maintains a website. Your units and regional associations are encouraged to send in officer's names and events to be posted for everyone to see. We have had links to Temple LOH unit's websites, but they have sadly fallen by the wayside. It is also difficult to get the Temple Associations LOH units to provide their officer's names and the dates of their meetings. The website is a treasure trove of information, but it hasn't been kept current and we are working to fix that and to make it more relevant to the individual members and LOH units. This includes having a Quartermaster page with pictures of all items we have for sale and a way to pay with a credit card. We are looking at more ways to make it even more relevant.

5. The Commander and the Lt. Commanders are always ready to attend your functions, if invited, to show support for your unit. We need to know well in advance to know who can be there and to get it in our schedule. We welcome the opportunity to install your officers and to meet with your Divans. Sharing information is also one way to help each other in recruiting new members.

6. The dues are kept low for a reason. We want all LOH units to be members. The \$2.00 is for each member whether active or honorary with the exception of the Potentate who is a member of every unit the year he is Potentate. As you know the minimum is \$30.00 and I know of one unit where there was only one member for several years and he paid the \$30.00. It took time and a lot

## Division 5



Russell Gray, PC



of work, but they now have about 25 members.

7. The IALOH prints a Newsletter four times a year to keep you informed. It is sent to the Adjutant of each member unit without charge. Any member may have it sent to his home with a \$10.00 subscription fee. It's rare we get an article from a LOH unit or LOH Association, but your articles would be a welcome addition. These are just seven things that IALOH does for you.

The question I would like to ask is what does your local LOH Association do for you? What does your Temple do for you? I have found that the organizations, in themselves, do not do anything for you. They provide opportunities for you to participate in and enjoy. It was told to me once that you only get out of the organization what you put in. So, if you want to participate and have fun, you must go to the events provided whether it is your Temple, Association, or IALOH.

Albeit a few things have changed since this article, as we've become more of a digital society, fundamentally however, they remain the same. **The DON'Ts**, do not forget to pay your dues. Neglecting to do so has consequences, just as it would if you neglect to pay your Blue Lodge, Shrine, or units dues.

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### 1st Lt. Commander Continued from page 3

We all took an oath and an obligation when we became Mason's, Shriners, and Legion of Honor members to do the right thing.

**HELP WANTED:** Mike Kimbrell our Quarter Master will be retiring effective April of 2023. If you're interested or know someone who would be

interested in becoming part of the IALOH team, contact any of the officers for information. Mike along with Lady Missy have been an integral part of IALOH for over 12 years ensuring your IALOH jewelry and paraphernalia needs were met. Thank you, Mike, for your years of service and dedication to this organization. Remember to mark your calendars for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn &

Suites Harborside, Indian Rocks, Florida. Let's give Commander Ginapp and Lady Jan a tremendous show of support.

I sincerely hope you have a great New Year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully,  
Russ Gray  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander

## 2nd Lieutenant Commander

Greeting Brothers,

Where has the time gone???

Had a great time at the SASA Convention in Myrtle Beach, this years Arlington Pilgrimage was one. I look forward to our new location at the Crowne Plaza, Crystal City.

I still have some traveling to do before the Annual Convention in April at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Coming in February Lady Lisa and I will be attending the "Passing of the Gavel" at the Ismailia Legion of Honor in Buffalo, NY. Two weeks after that the Commander Dave Ginapp and I will be traveling to Fredricksburg, Texas for the TALOH Legion of Honor Convention.

The year wraps up at the Annual Convention. I hope everyone is getting there registration in and making

reservation. The hotel is outstanding, it has a nice view of the river and the yachts parked in their slips below the hotel. It is very close to a lot of things.

Make your plans now for the Annual IALOH Convention from April 26 - April 30, 2023 at the Holiday Inn and Suites Harbourside Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. Let's have a great turn out and send Commander Dave Ginapp and Lady Jan off in a big way and welcome incoming Commander Russ Gray and incoming First Lady Ginny.

Lady Lisa and I will like to wish everyone the very merriest of holidays and a prosperous 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Yours in the Faith  
David & Lisa



## Division 4



David Hobbs, PC





*Arlington 2023 Challenge Coin*  
*Coin number 2 of a set*

Coin is ready for purchase.  
Order form is on page 14.

International Finance Officer Rex Sohn with the Egypt LOH members.

Members Left to Right: David Hobbs, Clifford Lang, Moises Rosado, Rex Sohn, Jim Thompson, Horatio Johnson.



## 3rd Lieutenant Commander

From the desk of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Commander.

Food for thought, we need to increase our membership we need to designate a chairman from your unit. you need to ask the potentate for a few minutes during a stated meeting and talk about membership to the LOH. you can go to the recorder and ask him to give you the total number of military service people in your shrine temple.

Back to the old song about membership. If we do not do something we will end up with no LOH Units and no IALOH. I'm Sorry nobles, I been around for a while and I'm not ready to give up yet. There is nothing says that you have to hold a meeting in the Unit room. Pick a restaurant and invite your wife. Make up a brochure telling of a few things your Units does or make up a news letter of up coming events. This just a few things

## Division 1



Charles McIntosh, PC



your Unit can do to help with membership. I am available if you need help with ideas.

**Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year.**

Charles McIntosh  
3<sup>rd</sup> LT. Commander



Top: Myself and the incoming Commander of Karem LOH Fred Bamberg presented knitted stocking cap's to McLane's Children Hospital. Bottom: And then I was off to Galveston TX to Shriners hospital to present the hospital with Knitted stocking caps .



It was honor to be invited to attend a ground breaking ceremony for the high rise house for parents that have to stay for a long period of time.

## 4th Lieutenant Commander



Wayne Steele, PC

Another year has come and gone and Lady Vicki and I have continued to be busy participating in OES, Blue Lodge, Shrine and LOH events. We are looking forward to the many installations of officer in Division Six. As the Commander of the Southeastern Shrine Association (SESA) Legion of Honor many of the units in Division Six are also members of the SESA so when I attend those events, I represent both organizations.

I posted colors at several event with the Al Menah Shrine to include the Shrine circus in October and for the concert held at the Texas Troubadour Theater in Nashville Tennessee. As with most, if not all, my shrine has been extremely busy with holiday parades. During one of our parades we found a child who will become one of our Shriners Children. This is proof that we must keep our eyes open all the time, because there our children out there who need our help. That is what we are all about.

Over the past year I have been working on the rewrite of the IALOH Drill Manual. There are several changes to including the deletion of the Six-Man Color Guard as a judged event. I turned the rewrite over to the Commander Ginapp, for his review, during our annual pilgrimage to Arlington, Virginia for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, during the first weekend in November. A good time was had by the near 100 Arlington attendees and one of the highlights following the Wreath Laying Ceremony was the two tomb guards who

served as our guest speakers at our luncheon. They dispelled several of the myths we have heard about those who served as guards at the tomb.

If you have not already done so, I highly recommend you sign-up for the Annual IALOH Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida in April 2023. The event will have a beach theme and those who attend should have a great time, with the events scheduled. Information can be found on the IALOH Webpage.

Lady Vicki and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a very happy holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing you in the future and ready to help you in any way we can.

Wayne R. Steele  
4th LtCmdr, IALOH

### IALOH Officer Candidate

If you are planning to run for an IALOH Officer position the cutoff day for document submission is February 25, 2023.

## Lieutenant Commander Candidates

We have two members running for Lt. Commander. Their candidate information is on the IALOH website. If you are planning to run for an IALOH Officer position the cutoff day for document submission is February 25, 2023.



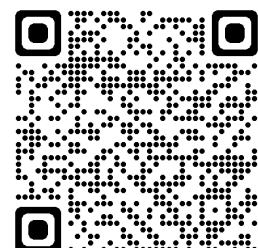
Dean Cook



Gerry Massey

Candidate Information can be reached by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code.

[Candidates \(ialoh.org\)](https://www.ialoh.org/Candidates)





## 5th Lieutenant Commander

Greetings. At the time of this writing we are in the midst of the holiday season. I hope you all enjoyed a fine Thanksgiving and are about to have a great Christmas or Hanukkah.

Lady Theresa and I enjoy visiting the Masonic Temples and Shrine Centers when they are all decorated with their holiday magic. It seems people are also in the best of spirits, this time of year.

Here is a brief review of events that we attended last quarter, and some things we are looking forward to "on the horizon":

On September 17 we enjoyed the (northern Virginia) Oktoberfest sponsored by the Kena Legion of Honor (see photo below). The LOH has been sponsoring this event for decades and it has become one of the larger Oktoberfest gatherings in northern Virginia. Congratulations to Cmdr. Byrum and the LOH Team for putting on another great event.

On November 3-5 Lady Theresa and I attended the Arlington Pilgrimage. Int'l Cmdr. Ginapp and his team put on a great weekend including the Welcome Party, Necrology, Wreath Laying and Luncheon. The weekend was well organized and well attended. It was great for LOH members to have a chance to meet with Imperial Sir, Kenny Craven throughout the weekend.

On November 11 I attended the Veterans Day and First Responder Brunch at Boumi Temple. Ill. Sir, R. J. Fischer and his team put on another great and large event (which was complimentary for veterans and First Responders).

-On December 21 I attended the Kena Election-Convention and Dinner. The LOH does a great job presenting the colors and leading the membership in a Salute to the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance. The annual election meeting is typically the Temple's largest gathering.

On the horizon....

-On January 21 we are looking forward to the Kena Installation of Officers, at the prestigious Army Navy Country Club, Fairfax, VA. We have received RSVPs from all over the Mid-Atlantic, and expect this to be another large gathering.

On February 20, 2023 we are looking forward to the George Washington Parade in Alexandria, VA. This is the largest parade of its kind in the world.

-On March 11, 2023 we are looking forward to the Ballyshaners St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria, VA.

April 26-29, 2023 we are looking forward to the IALOH Convention, in Indian Rocks Beach, FL. Int'l Cmdr. Ginapp had done extensive planning for what is expected to be a once in a lifetime event. Come out and join us.

## Division 7



Geoffrey Lyster, PP, PC



On April 1, 2021 we will be attending the Kena Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball.

On May 12-13, 2023 we are looking forward to the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (MASA) Legion of Honor Spring Meeting & Installation of Officers at Rajah Temple in Reading, PA. We look forward to seeing you soon at a Shrine Center near you!

YITF,  
Geoffrey D. Lyster, PC, PP,  
PMASAC



Left to Right:  
"You can trust your bartenders;"  
with Ill. Ron Mullins. Oktoberfest,  
Sep. 22, Manassas, VA.

Geoff with Imperial Sir, Kenny Craven, IALOH Hosp. Rm. Nov. 4, Arlington, VA

## 6th Lieutenant Commander

This quarters significant activities for Lady Jennifer and I started in November and took us to the Arlington Pilgrimage. We had a fantastic time and still cannot get over the honor it is to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to give our respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to our great Country. On Veterans Day, I participated along with the India Shrine Legion of Honor in two Veterans related activities. First, it was a great honor to participate in the Oklahoma National Guard 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Massing of the Colors and wreath laying ceremony. The 45<sup>th</sup> has many claims to fame but most notable was that they were the first military unit to the Dachau concentration camp where they liberated thousands of prisoners. Dachau was the first concentration camp established in 1933 by the Nazi Party. Next the India Legion of Honor made it to the Oklahoma City National Memorial where we placed flags on the memorial chairs of the

Veterans who were killed in the bombing of the Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Building. A humbling day indeed.

January will be filled with many visitations for Unit Installations in which we look forward to attending.

We have made our travel plans to attend the IALOH Annual Convention from 26 – 30 April 2023. I hope many of you will be able to join the fun and festivities at Indian Rocks Beach Florida. All the general information and registration forms can be found on our IALOH website, [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org).

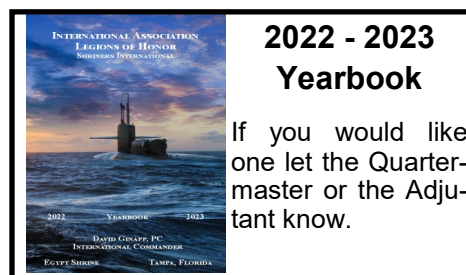
Hope you and your families have a safe, happy and blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Doug Tayrien,  
Lt. Commander

## Division 2



Doug Tayrien, PC



If you would like one let the Quartermaster or the Adjutant know.

## 7th Lieutenant Commander

### Temples With LOH Units

Aleppo	Wilmington, MA
Cairo	Rutland, VT
Damascus	Webster, NY
Ismailia	Buffalo, NY
Kora	Lewiston, ME
Melha	Springfield, MA
Philae	Halifax, Canada
Pyramid	Milford, CT
Rhode Island	Cranston, RI
Sphinx	Newington, CT

Nobles I have been appointed the acting 7th Lt. Commander and will be representing Division 8. I look forward to working with all the Units in Division 8 and if I can be of any assistance please let me know. My contact information is on page 15 of this newsletter.

YITF,  
Tony Murray, PP, PIC

## Division 8



Tony Murray, PP, PIC



## Quartermaster Mike Kimbrell

Mike is retiring as the Quartermaster at the end of the IALOH convention in April 2023. Mike has been during the Quartermaster job for twelve years and has done a outstanding job. The IALOH is looking for someone to take his place. If you would like to be the IALOH Quartermaster please contact Commander David Ginapp or any IALOH Officer. The Officer contact information is on page 15 of the newsletter.



## 8th Lieutenant Commander

Hello, all Brothers and Nobles

Finally settled down in Corpus Christi TX. Became a member of AL Amin Shrine and the Legion of Honor Unit. I have had the great privilege of visiting Tripoli Shrine Legion of Honor in September. The nobles have a great and vibrant unit. We had a very nice dinner followed up by a question and answer between the membership and me. Tripoli just became a member of the Great Lakes LOH Association.

In November we attended the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Washington DC. We had a good turnout of attendees from Division 3.

I would like to thank CMSGT Justin Pilkington USAFR (Ret), for all his assistance in helping to ensure the ceremony went on without a hiccup. I am looking forward to visiting other units within Division 3 this upcoming year. I will be attending Texas Association of Legion of Honor midwinter meeting in February, in Fredericksburg TX.

Mark your calendars! August 2 – 6 is the Great Lakes Legion of Honor 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Springfield IL.

Fraternally

GENE



Lt. Commander Gene Peters with the Tripoli officers.

## Division 3



Gene Peters, PC



### New Years Day

Don't forget to eat your Hoppin' John on New Years day. Hoppin' John is a southern traditional dish eaten on New Years day.

Hoppin' John ingredients have a symbolic important and eating this dish on New Years Day portends good fortune in the new year;

Black-eyed peas: Represent Coins  
Collard Greens: Greenbacks (dollars)  
Corn Bread: Gold  
Pork Jowls: Joy  
Tomatoes: Health if included

## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

**WSA Annual Meeting**  
February 3 - 5, 2023  
Luxor Hotel and Casino  
Las Vegas, NV

**TALOH**  
Mid-Winter Conference  
February 20 - 23, 2023  
Inn on Barons Creek  
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

**PNSA**  
Summer Meeting  
July 26 - 30, 2023  
Spokane, WA  
Hotel Information will be posted at a later date.

**CSSA Meeting**  
August 31, 2023  
Regency Marriott  
10220 Regency Cir  
Omaha, NE 68114

**MASA**  
Spring Meeting  
May 12 - 13, 2023  
Registration and Hotel Information  
will be posted at a later date

**SESA**  
Mid-Winter  
February 23 - 26, 2023  
Country Inn & Suites  
Savannah Midtown  
7576 White Bluff Road  
Savannah, Ga 31406  
Phone 912-692-0404 (SESA Legion of Honor Room Block)

*For more information about the meetings scan the QR Cord or click on the link.*



<http://www.ialoh.org/associations.html>

## International Officers at the South Atlantic Shrine Association Meeting



International Officers at the SASA:

Top Left: Left to Right: 1st Lt. Cmdr. Russell Gray, Darryl McPheron, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs and Commander David Ginapp presenting the DSA award to Darryl.

Top Right: Left to Right: Int'l. COS Mike Driskell, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs, Commander David Ginapp, and 1st Lt. Cmdr. Russell Gray.

Bottom Left: Left to Right: Commander David Ginapp, Commander, 1st Lt. Kevin McKenzie, 1st Lt. Commander Russell Gray, III. Sir Jim Pulley, 2nd Lt. Commander David Hobbs.

## Arlington 2022



IALOH Officers, Chief of Staff Ladies and LOH Ladies with Imperial Sir Kenny Craven.

Left to Right: Barbara House, Tammi Grantham, Jennifer Driskell, Ginny Gray, Jan Ginapp, Imperial Sir Kenny Craven, Vickie Steele, Traci Maynard, Judy Lee.



## Arlington 2022



Top: Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Officers with LTG General Maria Gervais, the Deputy Commanding General for the Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Left: Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Commander David Ginapp arriving at the hotel.

Right: Commander David Ginapp presenting the flag folded at Arlington to Imperial Sir Kenny Craven.



## Arlington 2022



The Tomb Guard guest speakers Jacob Sprosty, Dontae Skywalker and his daughter with Imperial Sir Kenny Graven and Commander David Ginapp.

Top Left: Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Commander David Ginapp at tomb steps. Top Right: Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Commander David Ginapp placing the wreath at the tomb.

Middle Left: Laying the poppies at the Canadian Monument.

Middle Right: The LOH members from Canada to lay the poppies at the Canadian monument. Members Left to Right: Derek McNulggtly, Perry McConnell, Imperial Sir Kenny Craven and Daniel Charron.



## From the International Adjutant/Editor

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone.

The annual forms have been mailed so be looking for them. They will also be posted on the IALOH website. The forms on the website can be filled out online and then saved to your computer so they can be emailed or printed.

The annual convention is in April and it is time to start sending in your registration. Commander David and Jan have a great time planned and it should be a lot of fun. It is in sunny Florida this time so bring your shorts, flip flops and sunscreen. You golfers don't forget your alligator repellent.

The trip to the Arlington wreath laying was a great success. This year 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Hobbs arranged for a tomb guard guest speaker to tell us

about their experience as a tomb guard. Their speech was very informative. Upon return from Arlington Commander David Ginapp sent a survey out to the individuals who attended the wreath laying about their experiences and what improvements we could make. If you have any ideas about making Arlington better please let the Commander know.

The 2023 Arlington commemorative coin is ready for purchase. The order form is on page 14 and can be accessed on the IALOH website.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New year and my year be filled with happiness.

That is all for now. Until next time, aim high.

YITF,  
David Smith, PC



David Smith, PC



**Article deadline for the**

**April 2023 newsletter**

**March 15, 2023**

## Arlington 2023

We will have a new hotel for the 2023 Arlington wreath laying.  
The Crowne Plaza Crystal River—Washington DC.  
1480 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202  
Keep checking the IALOH website.  
More information will be posted when available



The Crowne Plaza Crystal City- Washington D.C. is just one mile from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Take advantage of our complimentary shuttle from the airport to the hotel and our location, which is just four miles from the National Mall.

The Crystal City Metro Station provides easy access to Washington D.C. Visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, or one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums, including the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

All of our guest rooms have complimentary WiFi, flat screen TVs, satellite or cable channels, and ergonomic work desks. Take advantage of our well-equipped fitness center or dine in one of our two onsite restaurants. We look forward to welcoming you to the Crowne Plaza during your next stay!

## PRE-ORDER YOURS NOW...!

### *Arlington Pilgrimage Challenge Coin #2 for 2023*



Coins are \$10.00 each  
Shipping: 1 – 5 Coins - \$5.00  
6+ Coins - \$10.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 + Shipping \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to David Hobbs**

Send check to:

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All proceeds benefit International Association Legions of Honor Arlington Fund.  
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